Comments from long-time residents of Clark County concerning Yucca Mountain:

We have lived in Clark County since the early 1960's. We are very concerned about the U.S. Government's attempts to use southern Nevada as a nuclear repository for nuclear waste gathered from all over the U.S. Following are reasons why we are 100% against having the waste stored in Nevada:

Seepage into our ground water. This would be a health disaster which would last for decades. Earthquake activity. Nevada is the state with the third highest rate of earthquakes. Once again, the radioactivity could find its way into our groundwater or into the atmosphere.

Transportation accidents. Transportation of nuclear waste by truck or railway is always open to accidents. Southern Nevada recently had an incident where a railway car started rolling down the rails and had traveled quite a distance before anyone realized what was happening. There are truck accidents every day. Why does anyone think there won't be accidents while transporting nuclear waste?

Terrorist activity. Yucca Mountain would be a prime target for terrorists.

Is all this worth it? There are other ways to store the waste that does not involve transporting it hundreds and thousands of miles to Nevada.

Nevada is not a wasteland. It's time the rest of the United States realized that. It is home to millions of U.S. citizens. Do other states want to store the rest of the country's nuclear waste? Of course not, and neither do we.

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